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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God of our Nation, we ask You for the supernatural gift of wisdom. In the Bible You tell us wisdom is more precious than rubies, more important than riches and honors. Solomon called wisdom a tree of life to those who lay hold of it. Your gift of wisdom enables true success, righteousness, justice, and equity. The Talmud reminds us that with wisdom, we can turn our lives back to You in authentic repentance and commit ourselves to do the good deeds that You guide.

James, the brother of Jesus, extends Your clear invitation to receive wisdom: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."—James 1:5. Bless the women and men of this Senate with a special measure of wisdom today.

We are grateful for the immense contribution to the Senate of the leadership of Sergeant at Arms Jim Ziglar. Thank You for his friendship, his outstanding executive skills, and his commitment to excellence in all he does. Bless him as he moves on to new opportunities and challenges in his ongoing dedication to serve You in government. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. BYRD].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 31, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, today the Senate will resume consideration of the Agriculture supplemental authorizations bill. Senator LUGAR, under a previous order entered, will be recognized to offer the House-passed act as an amendment or, in fact, whatever he desires to offer. Rollcall votes will occur on amendments throughout the day. The Senate will be in recess today, as is normal on a Tuesday, from 12:30 to 2:15 for our weekly party conferences.

The majority leader, Senator DASCHLE, has asked me to announce that he wishes to complete this bill this week, also the Transportation Appropriations Act, the VA-HUD appropriations, and the export administration bill.

JIM ZIGLAR

Mr. REID. I would just say, Madam President, quickly, that I appreciate very much the prayer of the Chaplain today mentioning Jim Ziglar. When he came to the Senate he had been a long-time friend of the majority leader, Senator LOTT. A lot of us were somewhat anxious that he would be an extreme partisan. Senator LOTT did very well in choosing Jim Ziglar.

Jim Ziglar has a brilliant mind. He has an outstanding law school record. And he served as a clerk in the U.S. Supreme Court to Justice Blackmun. He was in the private sector where he did extremely well. As Sergeant at Arms, he was an exemplary member of the Senate family. I know that as the leader of the Immigration and Naturalization Service he will bring vigor and intelligence and responsibility to that most important office.

So I appreciate very much the prayer of the Chaplain today mentioning Jim Ziglar, who has become a friend to all of us.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1246, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1246) to respond to the continuing economic crisis adversely affecting American agricultural producers.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senator from Indiana, Mr. LUGAR, is recognized to offer an amendment.

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